

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health, Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro, Ranking Member Granger, and Ranking Member Cole,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you consider providing \$125,000 for the development of child abuse prevention materials by the McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center, located at 601 East Genesee St, Syracuse, NY 13202.

McMahon Ryan is one of the preeminent organizations combating child abuse and exploitation in Central New York. Through prevention, intervention, and educational services, McMahon Ryan serves more than 1,000 children each year and raises awareness surrounding child abuse and its impact on the community. Notably, the organization also does significant work with organizations throughout our community to address the all too prevalent threat of human trafficking.

The requested funding amount of \$125,000 would be used for the purpose of expanding McMahon Ryan's child abuse prevention and education programming. Specifically, drawing on the organization's resources and information from the New York State Child Abuse Medical Provider Program, this project will enable the development of child abuse coursework and reference materials for medical professionals. The goals of this program would be to expand distribution of these resources to other child advocacy centers, academic centers, hospitals, and institutions, while also raising public awareness on child abuse prevention.

This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would represent an essential investment in strengthening our community's response to child abuse. Given the broad reach of

McMahon Ryan's programming and the organization's role as a preeminent advocate for children, this funding will substantively advance their mission to protect children and save lives.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Furthermore, I am not aware of any other Member of Congress submitting a request for this purpose. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Katko", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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John Katko  
Member of Congress